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EMPLOYMENT EASIER FOR UNIVERSITY GRAD

by Sue Sandul

The employability of university graduates appears good, relative to the current period of general employment difficulties, claims a report presented by Randy Mangolt at the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations.

The report points out that "traditionally there has been a negative correlation between the number of years of schooling and unemployment - i.e. the higher the level of education, the lower the unemployment rate." Tables illustrate that, although from the years 1976-79 the proportion of the unem-

ployed has risen, the proportion of unemployed degree-holders has remained steady. And, overall, university graduates have lower unemployment rates than college graduates, and significantly lower rates than those of other education groups (secondary, elementary).

The report goes on to cite various universities' rates of employment for its graduates. In 1975, those graduating from professional schools and seeking employment averaged about ninety-five per cent employed after three months, while Arts and Science graduates averaged eighty per cent employed. It

seems the figures have dropped somewhat from then, with professional schools gaining on the arts and sciences in response to where the jobs are.

The question of underemployment is also of importance in the discussion of unemployment among university graduates - for how significant are the above employment figures if the jobs obtained after graduation are totally unrelated to one's field or do not require a degree?

A recent study at Western University reported that seventy per cent of those graduates with jobs had jobs "closely related" to their field of study, and that eighty-three per cent said they were satisfied with their first position. A Guelph study reported eighty per cent of graduates had jobs in their fields. In an MCU study of 1975, all subject categories of graduates were found to have experienced a decline from the previous year.

James Bagnall seems to feel the problem of unemployment among university students is

partly self-created. In his article "Overview" appearing in the *Financial Post's* "Special Report for Fall 1978 on Careers and the Job Market", says students are not very aware of how to look for jobs: "Sixty per cent of all jobs were not advertised and are filled in equal proportions through speculative letters, direct visits and personal contacts." In another article in the same publication, Bagnall puts this question to the reader:

"There's much more to (job-hunting) than a strong competitive bent - there's an appalling ignorance of the career opportunities available. How else do we account for the spectacle of ninety-seven per cent of all students citing interest in less than five per cent of the 7,000 career choices available?"

Finally, arrogance was cited in a *Financial Post* survey as a hindering factor in obtaining employment by business graduates, particularly graduates

with an MBA. In 1977, most graduates holding an MBA expected a \$31,000 a year salary within three years of graduation, with sixty per cent of the graduates expecting to run their own companies in ten years. Over half didn't think they would stay longer than their first employer longer than three years.

Thus, we are made to ask, is it simply the condition of the job market that influences the factor of unemployment?

Nonetheless, the OCUFA report ends with the optimistic reassurance that, despite the oversupply of university graduates entering the market at the present time:

"Potential university students must not sell their future careers short because of immediate concerns about unemployment. It will always be possible for the very best people in any given field to obtain employment, regardless of the job market."

SGA gets lounge

by James Weaver

In a thunderingly dull meeting, the Students' General Association managed to get a number of substantial items passed. First on most minds was a response to the failure of the Association des Etudiants Francophones to pass an amendment restricting membership in the French association. President Tim Moyle recommended a five stage plan to aid recruitment, relying on increased communications with SGA members and the expansion of SGA office services.

The bombshell arrived when Moyle stated that certain administration officers "see little value in the AEF, and more value in the SGA". He also noted that the administration offered the SGA lounge space on the third floor of the Classroom Building, as area where the AEF has unsuccessfully been attempting to relocate l'Entre Deux, the francophone lounge.

Services Expanding

Moyle stated that it would be politically opportune to accept the administration offer, but announced that other lounge and service creations were then ready. A student lounge is now being created in the foyer between Science I and Science II, and should be ready by the end of Study Break. While passing the establishment of the lounge, expected to cost about two hundred dollars, councillors became embroiled over the morality of placing electronic games in the location. Eventually, video games were accepted as part of the new venue, while "frivolous, non-academic" pinball machines were banned. Card tables and the university's scenic, cement furniture will also become part of the facility.

Typing rooms are being proposed for the first floor of the Library. Glassed-in carrels with coin-operated typewriters are to be paid for by the SGA, depending upon the results of a feasibility study.

The SGA also plans on taking over the Games Room located on Student Street. Facilities will remain as they currently are, with the addition of decadent pinball machines. It is felt that the SGA can afford to keep the Games Room open longer hours than can the present, private operators.

Meglomania at the Post

Council also established the dates for the elections of those who will replace them next year. Nominations for the various available posts will open February 28 and close March 14. The balloting will take place on March 21 and 22.

A new vice-presidential position is being proposed for this election. The current vice-president's position and honourarium is to be split in two; one vice-president will be in charge of social and cultural affairs, the other in charge of administration.

In order to pass this amendment in time for the election, the SGA will have to have a special meeting in its office this afternoon at five.



ENERGY, EMPLOYMENT & A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

by William Bradley

One of the greatest problems environmentalists have faced over the years is reconciling the either/or argument put to them by governments, corporations and the general public. That is - either we have a clean environment or we have jobs. Either we force industries to clean up their act or we are black-balled by their threats of plant closings.

In the energy sector (large producers and consumers) of the economy this takes the form of: either you (society) give us more depletion allowances, tax incentives and government-guaranteed loans, or you freeze in the dark.

Not so, claims a Washington D.C. group, Environmentalist for Full Employment. In fact, turn this scenario around. Their

view is that if the Energy Cartel continues on its path, more capital and resources (and more profits) will be diverted their way, this hastening a total collapse of our economic system.

Hazel Henderson refers to this as the Entropy State. Here, more effort is directed towards coping with the problems engendered by the mismanagement of the economic system that can be gleaned from its productivity. Loss outweighs gains until the system drifts, perhaps catastrophically, towards a stable state. Pollution, capital shortages, declining productivity, escalation of energy rates, and increasing unemployment all interconnect to undermine the economy as known today.

Richard Grossman, Director of the Environmentalists for Full Employment, cites data to back up Henderson's claims. In "Jobs and Energy", he says that large scale, centralized energy systems would consume three quarters of all private investment capital in the United States. The President of Exxon Nuclear Corporation stated in 1976 that at least half a trillion dollars would be needed to build 500 nuclear plants by 2000 A.d. Rocky Mountain shale-to-oil plants would cost at least \$1 billion each. Yet, both petroleum and public utilities industries cost a capital investment per employee of \$108,000 and of \$105,000 respectively, as compared to \$9,500 for service or \$5,000 for textile industries.

Thus, scarce capital is used

inefficiently to create jobs (although alternatives exist) and drain dollars from other economic sectors which are more labour intensive. Indeed, both large energy producers and consumers consume one third of U.S. energy while providing but ten per cent of its employment.

Concerning energy intensive industries, Grossman says:

"From industry's point of view, energy and investment dollars have been preferred to human labour. Automated equipment does not complain about unsafe working conditions, seek wage hikes, question the nature of jobs or products, or strike. And, energy has been cheap, subsidized by the government and by the American people."

Reduction of labour has been traditional in the manufacturing sector. In the steel industry, from 1949 to 1969, production jobs decreased by

twenty per cent while steel output increased by forty-five per cent.

Now this was fine as long as other sectors, notably private and government services, hired the displaced labour. As long as demand for these increased, the disruption of the substitution of capital and energy for labour were minimized.

However, snags emerge as the price of energy inevitably increases. Probably waste is the main reason. Jimmy Carter claims that half of U.S. energy is wasted. Tremendous heat losses occur in distribution networks from centralized sources. Inefficient auto engines and homes are obvious examples.

At any rate, as energy costs rise, consumers (naturally) pay more for basic goods and power, thus reducing their disposable income for other goods and services. More capital is diverted to energy producers to exploit new reserves and to subsidize heavy industrial users. Hospitals, schools, light manufacturing sectors are capital starved. These areas are traditionally labour intensive. As they face fiscal squeezes, layoffs occur.

Thus, unemployment, slackening demand and capital shortages interact and reinforce each other to cause a full-blown recession.

But there is a way out. Here a few facts from "Jobs and Energy":

-according to John Quarles, former Deputy Director of the Environmental Protection Agency, some solar energy techniques can be commercialized sooner than can the nuclear breeder reactor, shale or coal conversion systems, or nuclear fusion reactors.

-The Massachusetts Energy Policy Office recently concluded that if, by 1985, all buildings in that state were to use solar energy for hot water production, 32,000 jobs would be created. In addition, 600 million gallons of oil would be saved per year, and \$480 million would be retained for spending within Massachusetts.

-The Federal Energy Administration's Project Independence Study estimated that to generate twenty-three per cent of the nation's electricity with wind power, 140,000 person-years of employment would be created by 1985 and 245,000 by 1990. (The FEA concluded that they are less difficult to build than World War II aircraft.)

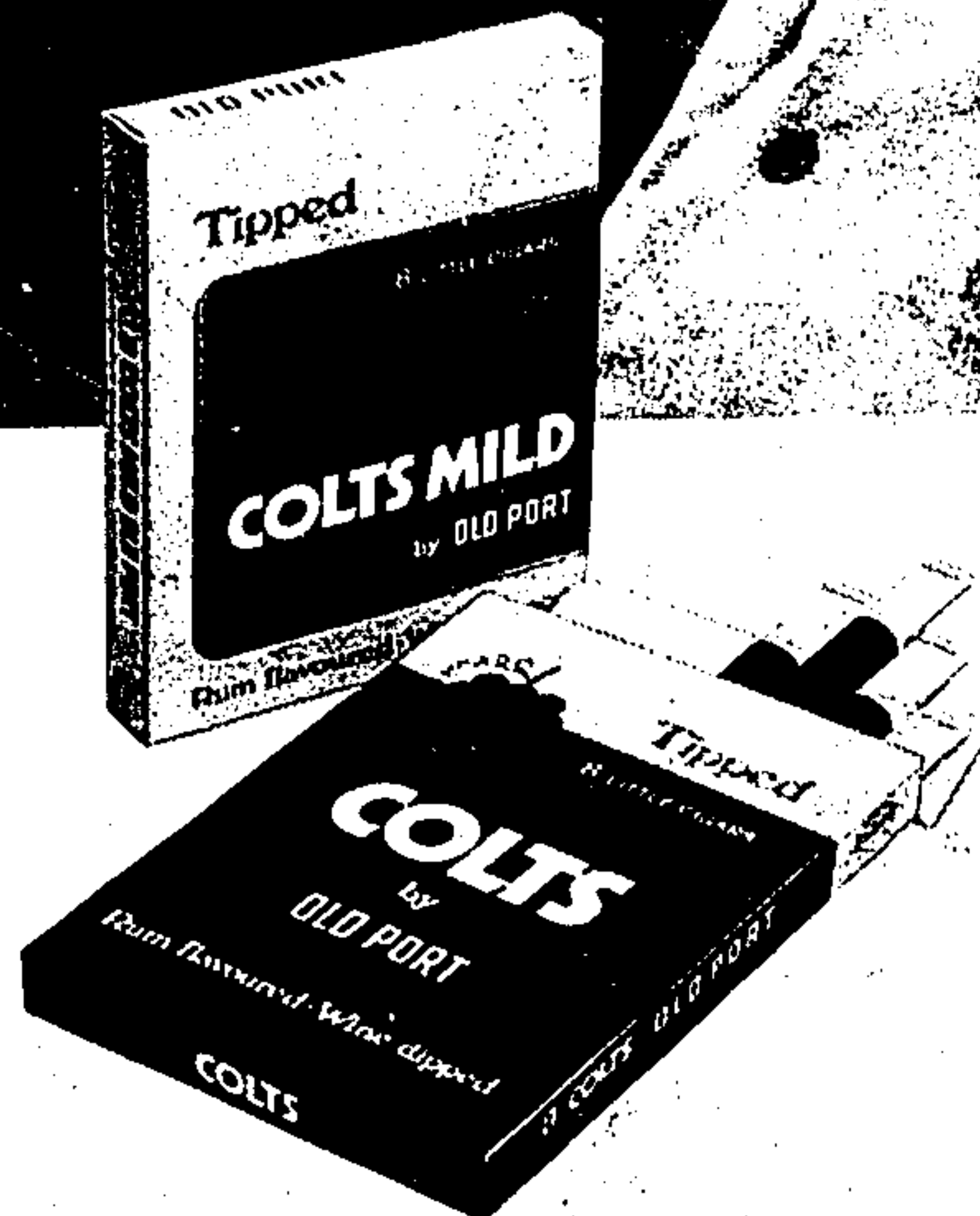
Essentially, the barrier is not technical or economic. It is socio-political. Vested interests mislead the public. Governments poo-poo cheap solar systems. Large unions would rather opt for yet higher wage levels within huge energy corporations than fight against their reasons for existence. But the tide is turning. Here and there, people turn to strategies of self-reliance rather than enslavement to an outmoded means of wasteful production.

Colts. Great moments in college life.



On October 12th, after three intensive years of studying the theory of relativity, Wayne Thomson left his lab, lit up a Colts, paused, reflected, and decided to become a phys ed major.

Colts. A great break.
Enjoy them anytime.





EDITOR'S CHOICE

by John Sturtridge

As editor of "The Rogue Moose Review" I would like to say, "Journal sucks!" I can't, of course. After all, Journal prints this rag, which gives them the power of instant editing, as it were. So I won't say "Journal sucks!"

The problem is as follows. Journal went Moose hunting. By raising their charges to Lambda by a nifty nine per cent, they shot my Moose. Still, a Rogue Moose is a tough critter. It's only wounded. So, rather than publishing a monthly supplement, which would increase the number of pages in Lambda and send costs skyrocketing, I will produce approximately a page a week. This page, then, in all its singular glory, will henceforth be "The Rogue Moose Review". Have fun with it. That's what it's for.

Now, on to other business.

In this week's Lambda, Alex McGregor comes out swinging against the boozing inherent in Winter Carnival. Now that is both good and bad. Too much booze is simply not good. It depresses an already minimal level of intellectual activity; however, it also represents a unique aspect of Laurentian University. No other Ontario university drinks like we do! Winter Carnival places us in a class by ourselves...hic...

The problem with attempting to restrict Carnival is this - it would then not be Carnival. After all, how would a chess tournament work within the framework of Carnival? Perhaps a marathon speed tournament (several games in a restricted time period) with the winners having to down an adequate amount of brew between victories.... There we go - booze again! The problem, then, is our definition of Carnival. Just what is it?

Personally, Carnival represents a time of respite from books and profs, a period of total release. If this means "heavy boozing", so be it. I would be glad to see other, non-booze related activities at Carnival. Not, however, at the expense of the bottle. The essence of Carnival, after all, is PARTY!

"The Rogue Moose Review", by the way, benefited from this year's Carnival. It inspired a rather curious piece of work from Father John Kahlua (who, unlike Alex, was allowed to direct his responsibilities AND have the - uh - occasional drink). Father Kahlua wrote "The D.T.'s", which is printed below. Read it. And read Alex McGregor's piece as well. They are related.

Father Kahlua also this week contributes the article "New Year's Eve". If this seems an odd time for a new year's piece, there is good reason. Think back to the evening of December 31st, and to those of the past few years, and consider them in a calm, reflective mood. With that night, those nights, neither painfully fresh in our minds, nor breathlessly anticipated by us, we can achieve a more balanced consideration of that most singular night of the year. Thank you, Father Kahlua.

And that's all. See you next week.

THE ROGUE MOOSE REVUE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

by John Kahlua

President Hotel - the disco: several tables of made-up, made over, giggly young women; several tables more of would-be macho, strutting, braying young men; liberally sprinkled about are the lonesomes, the lingsles, laughing at snatches of other people's conversations, crying over beer already gone stale. One enterprising fellow stood hard by the door the night through pretending to be a bouncer, gathering in the midnight kisses under false pretenses. "I even shook hands with the guys so they'd let me kiss their girlfriends," he said, grinning. New Year's Eve.

Ramsey Lake Road - a house: a table covered with a light blanket, a bowl of salted nuts, two packs of cards; egg-nog laced with rum was passed around, or scotch and water, or both; the neighbours complimented loudly; the grandparents, hearing the noise, laughed; the host and hostess rattled quarters in preparation for the games of Shanghai. Grandfather told me he'd won one game and so made six

dollars, and he laughed. "You see things differently," he grinned, "when you're eighty-five." New Year's Eve.

Nepawhin Drive - a house: the guests arrived late, between periods of the hockey game; couples talked quietly, munching potato chips; the host wandered nervously, checking the drinks, checking the ice, checking the time; a few more guests arrived; one left, and truth to tell, was not missed; Lombardo counted down the new year from New York. Later, a group of women arrived all drunk, all lovely. One of them stood by me, tugging at the V in her dress, baring her tit some, teasing, a smile tugging at her lips. Shortly, she giggled and stumbled away. She was - is - beautiful, that one, and there were dreams that night. New Year's Eve.

There have been other New Year's Eves. I've seen parties where friends and enemies mingled, drunk, arm in arm, secretly giving the finger to the world, to each other, to themselves. I've seen the drunks and bastards: quiet drunks, angry

drunks, sleazy drunks; cynical bastards, mad bastards, mindless bastards, all drunk. I've seen the good people, too. I've seen girls drinking for the courage to spread their legs, and guys, too, for the same primal urge, or peer pressure, or self-imposed inadequacies. And, again, the good people. They stand above the others, these good people, with their heads screwed on right, and accept their friends sober or drunk. And you know, mostly it's the good people who give the parties.

What do the good people see on New Year's Eve? There, a drunk clutches at the cold, white porcelain, skinny spittle streaming from the corners of a softly moaning mouth. There, a guest sits in isolation, once a friend of the group, now seen once a year, always alone. The year will come when that silent person will be gone, no longer alone, celebrating New Year's Eve in Estevan or Edmonton or Hearst; or crying silently from a wooden box in some deserted, snow-bound grave. Do the good people see all this? Does it touch them? Do they see the pain and confusion of the one who, momentarily deserted by the vagaries of the party, slumps back in a chair and cries half aloud, "What do I do?" Whatever they see, these good people, smiles flashing easily on their lips, lives neatly ordered, they are the ones who hold the parties, and host the same pathetic play on the same haunted stage year after year. If they do see, they ignore.

New Year's Eve is an intensely personal time, an emotional time, the single night of the year when one wishes most to be with that one who means the most; friend, confidante, lover, whoever. When that cannot be, the whole thing is ignored, people hiding behind the alcoholic fog, laughing in front of the tears, puzzling over the lingering depression for days on end. And it never changes.

We change. We see New Year's Eve through changed eyes, through another year of experiences, through successes and failures, through those here and those no longer here. It is truly a reflection of the year past, the years past. Still, cry, or drink, or screw, or all of this and more, New Year's Eve remains a constant for us all, the son of a bitch that kicks us, every one, with unmalicious, unfailing regularity.

To that one I wished most to be with on New Year's Eve, and was not, my love. And from John Kahlua to you all - may this year's kick be less painful than last year's. Happy New Year.

THE D.T.'S

by John Kahlua

Dark, dark. Dark and spinning; the world going round and round. And the sounds. Squeals and squeaks and bleats - a little bell a long way off, tinny - the squeals of pigs in the night. There's a wind, more pressure than sound; a whoosh in your head; whoosh. Something's on your throat, like a fly going in circles on your adam's apple. A stately, unnerving blue-bottle waltz. You brush at it but it continues. And the Sound. It's

coming. Again. You hear it. You fear it.

The world is spinning. Whoosh. Squeals - the pigs are moving off in the dark. The fly disappears. Out of the darkness, the Sound. Your flesh creeps. Move! Wait! Dark, dark. Your breath goes in and out - gasp, rasp. The Sound - it's closer. Move!

Something taps your wrist. A gurgle searches your throat. The Sound - pad, pad, pad, pad - a pause - pad, pad, pad, pad. Roll from the bed. Quick! It's coming closer. Whoosh - the pressure, like your head wants to burst. Your knees are wobbly. Sweat beads your body. The Sound is closer. Run!

In the dark you stumble against cold metal. Gasping, you shove past the obstruction. Pad, pad, pad, pad. There! The door knob! You reach for it, shaking. The Sound touches you....

No more gurgling in your throat. You scream. Your arms flail about you, swinging at the Sound, trying frantically to brush off its soft, furry touch. The Spiders. There are more of them, and there - one on your leg! You stumble, trying to kick the creature free. Your hand cracks hard against wood. A padding Sound - the soft, soft, soft, touch of your own death.

And all the while you scream....

They call them the D.T.'s - delerium tremens. Too much booze. Or maybe a sudden withdrawal from the fountain.

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The How & Why Wonder Book of Presidential Life

by Tim Moyle

As time rapidly rolls along towards the end of the school year, thoughts begin to turn to what's to follow. Down here at the SGA office, things are no different as we ponder which of you lucky people will be sitting on the SGA next year. Thus, to try and entice some to consider the SGA as a beneficial method of investing some time, I'm going to try to briefly explain some of the characteristics needed to be a good President. Unfortunately, I seem to lack many of these characteristics but am consoled by the fact that no one meets all of the traits. However take these recommendations with a grain of salt as they are my interpretation of what a good president should be.

1 - Flexibility

This term does not mean that only a gymnast will make a good president. It does mean that a president must work with many different people. A president should only work from the assumption that he/she has a particular view on any given issue, not the only view and not necessarily the correct view. One must be able to take criticism as it's meant; not as an insult, but as a method of presenting different evaluations on any given situation. I feel that if one does not have this essential element, then they should not be elected to any position.

2 - Responsibility

Responsibility goes two ways - to people and for a principle. Perhaps the best analogy that I can use here would be that of a mushroom. A mushroom continues to grow while being kept in the dark and fed shit. Likewise, a president must be able to work long (60 hrs. a week) and hard while receiving little or no positive feedback. In this respect, a president needs a strong sense of self and conviction. If one gives up, he either ceases to function as a president

or he will scrap his flexibility and do what he wants, damning the consequences.

3 - Compassion

The president of the SGA is both an employer and an employee. It is he/she who runs the office and deals with staff, committees and council. The president is, however, the employee of 1800 students and is there to represent them and express their views, not his or hers or any particular group's.

4 - Durability

This deals with the physical and mental drain which goes with the job. If you have pulled a few "allnighters" in your career, then you have had a taste of what I mean. Experience is the only true way that one can fathom this concept but imagine consistently staying awake working on a proposal, remain coherent the next day to face the daily problems which hit you, present your proposal, have it rejected, then do it all again the next day. Suffice it to say that I don't know a president in the province that is not burnt out at or near the end of term.

There are many other traits which I could list and could probably take up this whole issue of Lambda. However, I think I've made my point. Consider carefully a decision to run for council. Speaking from my own year in office, it is an experience like no other you will go through and you will come out a better person at the end. Don't let my words scare you either, or the fact that, maybe you don't think you know enough to handle the job. If you're willing to work, you will learn both the information you require and the ability to cope. If you're like me, there will be times when you'll feel like quitting, but you won't because in the end, it's all worth it.

Until next week, goodbye - and good luck.



LAMBDA ISN'T FUNNY

Dear Editor:

Seeing as the general purpose of each and every Lambda I have ever read seems to be that of a forum for those who suffer from a disease known as "the chronic bitch", I feel this letter should fit right in.

Prior to the Christmas break a small ad appeared in Lambda requesting the submission of material from the student body. Upon seeing this I went to the trouble to submit an article to the paper. The work, a humorous piece of prose, was put through the slot in the Lambda office door three weeks ago with a request from myself that you print it and/or return it to me. I'm sure it doesn't take three weeks to process all the submissions to Lambda since letters crying about the winter carnival were printed in last week's issue. I realize that the article Saga of the Soggy Safe is not of the intellectual type which has constantly appeared in this boring publication. Do you think for one minute, that the students of this University don't deserve a good laugh once in a while? That is what the article offered; not some pompous discussion of the problems of the third world, unemployment or how we students are being ripped off. I don't know about the rest of the student body, but I don't think that these themes should constantly fill the pages of Lambda.

On the front page are the words, "Laurentian's Student Newspaper". Is that why the editor, you, gets five articles in

the last issue when other students, like me, have gone to the trouble of writing something which might crack a smile on the faces of those few Lambda readers, don't get their articles printed? The reason I say few Lambda readers is due to the unmistakable odor of rotting Lambdas in the corridors of L.U. I would estimate that half of the three thousand copies published each week go unread. Why? Because people want to read things that concern them or interest them on a variety of topics. They don't want to read "bitch" columns all the time. That type of reading gets a little depressing.

Now I'm not saying that

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

I agree wholeheartedly that Lambda could use a little more humour. Unfortunately, your submission would not have helped us in the quest for that notorious beastie. The major reason that your article was not printed was because it was NOT FUNNY. It was gross, more than a little sexist and possibly infantile.

I, as editor, do not make such judgements alone. Upon receiving your work, I submitted it to a number of people at our staff meeting. While I will not suggest that their reasons for disliking the piece were the same as mine, I will state that nobody was impressed.

As for the problems with the type of material we publish, that is a function of those who care to submit material. Yes, on

printing the article I submitted will increase the number of readers of Lambda but I assure you it won't depress too many people. So unless you are planning to change the name of the paper to The James Weaver Bitch Paper, give some other people a chance to "entertain" the students at Laurentian, for a change.

Yours truly,
Dennis Cuomo

P.S. I really apologize to those readers of Lambda who appreciate some humour in a student newspaper, for writing such a bitchy, depressing letter, but that's all they seem to print in Lambda.

that particular week, I did have five articles published. On many other weeks, I have not had anything printed. It all depends on the material available for the week, and upon the amount of space left in each of the sections in our eight page mammoth.

We do attempt to please as broad a spectrum of the campus as possible. That is why we have a page to a page and a half of sports each week, a similar amount for submissions from schools, clubs and colleges, a page for letters and articles of opinion, and articles dealing with the "news" happenings on this campus. Oh yes, and we mustn't forget the at least two pages of advertisements we must run to keep the bailiff from the door.

JAMES WEAVER

SAGA OF THE SOGGY SAFE

Dear Editor:

In response to Mr. Teachout's article entitled "What kind of woman doesn't buy prophylactics?", I would like to object to the implication that only prostitutes would buy condoms. Women are not being degraded by the use of birth control. They are being given the right to choose. This is a liberal value to be developed as well as cherished. I would further like to object to the idea that only a pregnant woman treats herself with respect. Any woman, married or single, can develop self respect, reverence and responsibility to herself and others.

The good life, to use Mr. Teachout's simile, is like a work of art; but a work of art not only requires emotional control, it also needs sensitivity and, for that matter, technique. A woman's sense of action need not only be directed to cultivating life within herself! Let her create for herself and those around her. Whether or not she

bears children, let her female self be the centre of her attention, draw others into her sphere to share meaningful relationships, sexual or otherwise.

Concerning "how did our parents manage without prophylactics" hardly warrants a response. All of us can think of families where the number of children has surpassed the economic capabilities of the family. We need only think of the third world countries where overcrowding and food shortages are real problems. These areas in particular need the choice of birth control. Why continue to instill in people the myth that bearing children is woman's purpose and by doing so increase their misery? Why offer empty, unscientific statements on so-called natural methods, i.e. breastfeeding, the rhythm method? Why continue to thrust an already overpopulated world closer to disaster and why advocate that women are little more than baby

machines who cannot possibly be fulfilled until they have reached their production quotas? If we were only meant to bear children why do we have so many erogenous zones?

Instead, let us develop human relationships which emphasize caring and sensitivity, a mutual giving and taking. Do not tell us to save the "gifts of our womanhood". We are not prizes to be sought after and fought for. And just what exactly are these "finest talents" we are supposed to be cultivating?

We can all, male and female, appreciate and enjoy our bodies and by doing so perhaps even worship them. The greatest tribute that can be paid to the shrine is a sensitive, caring partner who receives pleasure by giving pleasure. In these mechanized, impersonal, apathetic times let us have as many of these relationships as are desirable and let us enjoy them

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WINTER CARNIVAL AND THE CURATE'S EGG

By Alex McGregor

The joke is an oldie and not a very goodie. The village curate was invited to breakfast at the Squire's home. Boiled eggs were served. The curate cracked his egg, and it was rotten. Determined not to offend his host, the curate attempted to eat it. Seeing the curate turn green his host asked "is the egg rotten?" The curate answered manfully "No sir, it is good in parts."

That was carnival for me. It was good in parts but totally rotten. I enjoyed cheering the U.C. Leftovers as they fought bravely to avoid defeat against the U.C. Lightbrigade. Tim Hansen, Mike Hines, Chopper et al still lost to Rand Dyck's minions. I enjoyed the University of Sudbury's pancake breakfasts. I liked music in the Great Hall. The Lambda 500 was fun. The snow sculptures

were superb. The road hockey was excellent. The rest was boozeville.

No one in charge of a residence could have enjoyed the week. Students were drinking too much, and now with seven or eight weeks left of the school year some of them are either broke, behind in their work or all of the above.

Everywhere I went students were slopping beer. The sounds coming out of the Great Hall reminded me of the sounds that emerged from Nuremberg Beer Halls during the thirties when a nasty little man turned a very remarkable people into terrible killers. The damage to the door of the Great Hall can be repaired. The damage to student's livers may be permanent. I had not only to remain sober throughout the week, I couldn't even have a drink - I was and

am in charge of a residence. In case of emergency I had to be there, cool calm and collected. Am I envious? No!

I am informed that property damage was minimal. Good. In fact it was an amazing grace. But I am happy as I write that carnival is over. It was a week when we put on our worst face to the world. I have enjoyed my stay at Laurentian - and loved my time at Thorneloe. Therefore I am beginning to feel proud of both institutions. How do you feel when you see people you love act badly? I felt embarrassed and hurt. As my colleague Chris Headon would say "Jolly bad show you chaps!"

Was that amount of boozing really necessary? One friend says that it is in order for people to get rid of their repressions, and come to terms with winter.

Laurentian expiates its sins in beer. Beer can do more than McGregor can to justify God's ways to man. With respect to my social worker friend she is wrong. It is possible to have a carnival without the massive amount of drinking that went on in Carnival '79.

In the first place future carnivals can be shortened. A solid week of midnight to midnight drinking is ridiculous. Why not start on a Thursday night. Cancel all classes on Friday - have outdoor activities, and indoor ones on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That ought to be enough to get rid of the inhibitions of even the social workers.

The next thing that can be done is structure carnival to show us at our best. Surely the Science Faculty can arrange a Science Fair for Science students at both University and High School level. The translators can show their skill by translating Sociology into English for the benefit of humanity.

The School of Education could show the benefits of modern teaching techniques. The School of Commerce could show us how to execute a takeover bid for Inco Metals. The Church Colleges could certainly design a primrose path to heaven. In other words, with some imagination, we could create a carnival that would make us aspire to be better than we are. The Engineers should and no doubt could show imaginative ways to use solar and wind energy. If all the energy at Laurentian were harnessed to constructive goals our enrollment problems would be over. Yes - we could all then celebrate our achievements of bringing out the Best in us.

This Thursday night at 5:30 we will be celebrating the best. Father Patterson of the Church of Epiphany will preach on "The Marks of a Christian". The celebrant will be Allan Thwaites of our Classics department. Won't you all come out and atone for carnival week?

OFS Embarrassing

Fellow Students:

At a recent Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) conference, I was embarrassed and appalled at the behaviour of my fellow student council leaders. For women students, the conference proved to be a sham and hardly representative of women in post-secondary education. Let me explain why.

Of its major themes, Women's Issues was intended to be the central one. To this end,

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free from the worry of unwanted children or abortion. If these anxieties are removed - with the aid of birth control - we will be free, warm sensitive and sensual. Women today have other goals than childbearing; yet, we can still have purpose and direction, happiness and a sense of humour.

Deborah Woolhouse

we hosted a Women's Issues workshop and subsequently invited Dorothy Smith (a well-known defender of women's rights) to speak at a banquet dinner later that evening. The dynamics that followed prior to and during the course of the question period were extremely offensive to a number of student leaders as well as to the speaker, herself. At the beginning of Ms. Smith's speech, some council representatives were discourteous enough to leave, while some others remained only to laugh at the speaker's appearance. Because she had simply worn a pants suit for the event, one SAC leader jokingly questioned if in fact the speaker "was actually a woman". From the same corner of the room, came sarcastic statements like: "I feel sorry for women-such as Bette Stephenson and Pauline McGibbon",

liberal statements implying that women were not oppressed! It doesn't take an overly intelligent person to note that very few women (ie. a minimal percentage) are in positions of influence in any sector of society, least of all in politics. Yet such defensive remarks persisted until finally they were booed down by a number of the women and by the more aware men in the audience.

What disturbed me here were not only the assinine comments of a few males, but more importantly, the ease with which these comments were made. This leads me to believe that these student leaders will in no way be sympathetic to women's issues and will probably not defend the female half of their respective constituencies against discrimination based on sex.

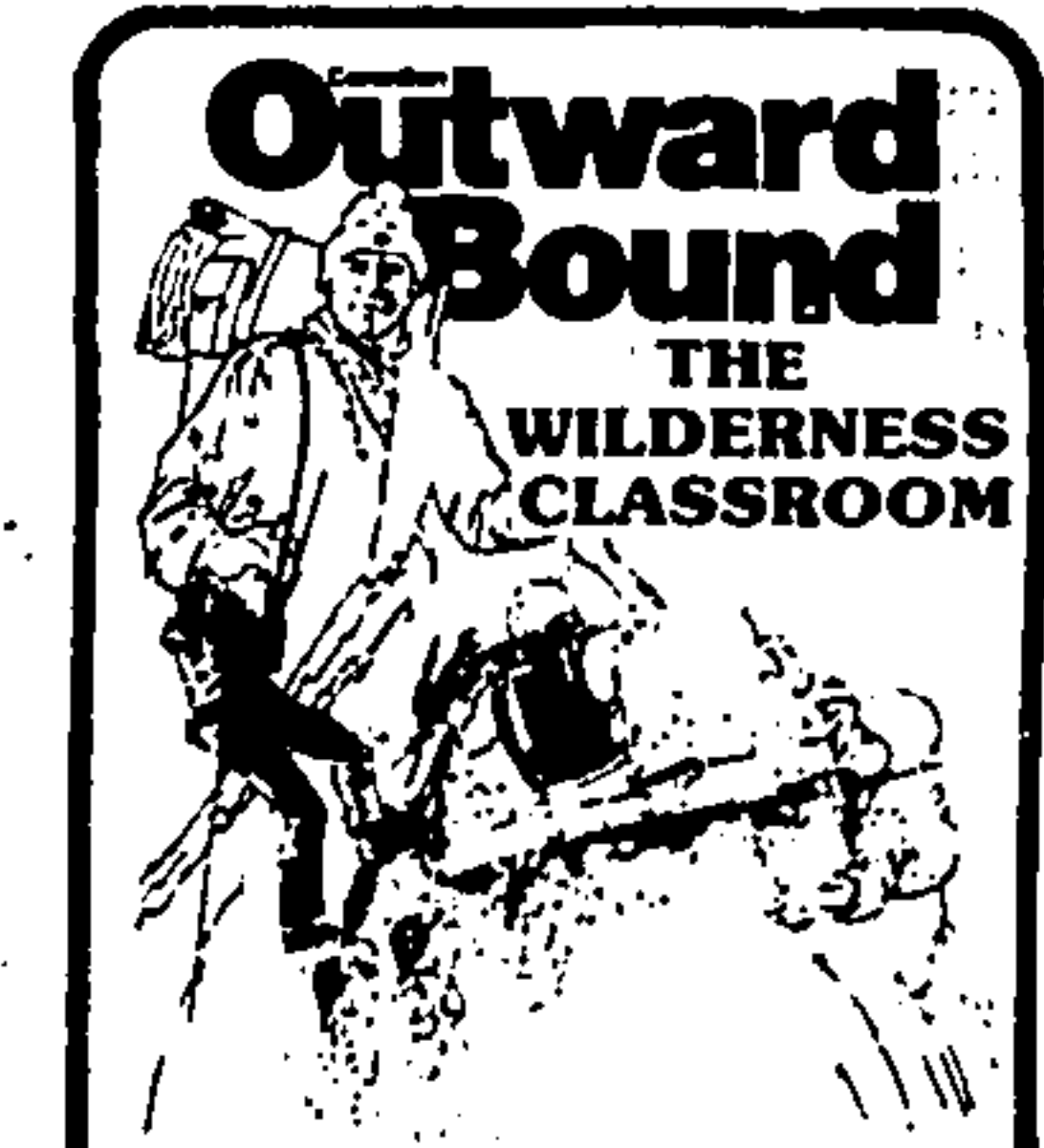
Although I am a firm believer in women entering the political arena, it is no longer possible to excuse men for this

type of behaviour. Women must be represented whether they are on student councils or not. Also, election times and later during the course of the school year, council leaders should be scrutinized as to their positions on women's issues! Do you know how your council feels about women in positions of authority? In addition, just what is the extent of their knowledge of women's issues in post-secondary education or in the society at large?

Finally, during the OFS conference, I was surprised to hear that some campuses did not have a women's organization or any pressure group at all. Though women do not require token representation, there is a definite need for special attention to be given to such women's concerns as; sexual harassment, rape, discrimination, single parenthood, daycare facilities, etc.; after all, these should not be the concerns of women alone. It is the

business of every student council to be aware of these widespread problems, however, this aim can only be met if the leaders are willing to both listen to and act upon the complaints of their female constituents.

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SENATE NEWS

by Terry Knowles

Yet another Senate meeting this Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. in the Senate Chambers. Items on the agenda:

The Council of Ontario Universities, according to Dr. Wright, Laurentian's delegate, will "look into the question of unemployment insurance for graduate assistants", who are being screwed by new UIC legislation. The province says they can't work more than 10

hours, and the federals say they aren't eligible for unemployment with only 10 hours.

Reports from the VISTULA Committee and from the Undergrad Awards Committee will be given, both concerning scholarships.

More curriculum changes, regarding the B.A. in education and the brevet d'enseignement de l'Ontario, the 4-year Engineering Programme, Music, the Law and Justice certificate, and

Philosophy. If you are enrolled in any of these programmes, especially the first two, and you would like to have some input, here's your chance.

Also coming to a vote is the proposal of Gary Clarke for VP Academic.

Don't forget, too, that you are always welcome at SGA meetings. Elections for a new council are coming up soon. Any takers?

Have a good - studious - time over the break, and I'll see you in a couple of weeks.

Hockey victors

After a 5th place finish in the regular season, the Mudsharks came out of the woodwork to capture this years Intramural

Hockey "A" title by virtue of a surprising 5-3 victory over the U. of S. Stokers.

After defeating Huntington

5-2 and U.C. 2-1 in earlier playoff action, the Mudsharks proved that, in playoffs, goaltending is the key. Roy Vandal, the Mudsharks netminder was awarded the "Conn Smythe" trophy and anything else they were giving out with three unbelievable performances in the playoffs.

In the final, the Mudsharks used their scoring opportunities well and built up a 5-0 lead before the Stokers narrowed the gap to two goals in the last two minutes of play. Yvan Prevost, Jacques Cholette, Gary Ross, Bob Foreman and

The Unicorn

by Dale Van Zant

After a very brief absence due to academic pressures, the voice of U.C. has returned. It's been a very busy winter. The U.C. Red Wings were consolation Champions in the Chiropractors Tournament in Toronto. Hats off to the team members, especially John Bogdanis, who was the tourney MVP.

The U.C. Light Brigade defeated the Leftovers in the U.C. championship by a score of 6-2. Pat Legris accepted the Principal's Cup on behalf of the Light Brigade. Rand Dyck and Charles Robitaille were present in the sell-out crowd at Bell Grove.

Carnival events were well attended by U.C. members and will be fondly remembered in future years (Right Cess?) The chug event was taken by the emotionally-charged U.C. team

which defeated U. of S. twice that afternoon. We are hoping that we will retain our championship and that good sportsmanship will return to the event. The U.C. team was comprised of the "Amazing" Mike Feraco, Mike Boadway, Mike "Amos" Lafleur and veteran Bill Stephens. Mike Feraco has retired permanently and Bill Stephens has been appointed coach and general manager of next year's team. The team is looking forward to the Florida Tour next week.

The Sadie Hawkins Dance has been rescheduled for March 2. Hope to see you there. Dan "Pammer" Shiek is accepting date applications now. Deadline for applications is Feb. 17.

That's about all for now. Remember that Banquet will be held on March 16 at the Caruso Club. Keep your ears open for more information on ticket sales.

In the "B" division, the Thornehoe T-Birds kept their undefeated season intact by dumping the Engineers 5-2 in the final.

Dan Ranich scored for the Mudsharks. U. of S. who also received good goaltending from Gary Milani, had goals from Steve Tanner, Jay Martin and Kirk Hewitt in a losing cause.

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It's difficult to explain this world of fears, hallucinations and screams. 'Too much booze' says one friend. 'Just a nightmare', you say. But was it? They creep up on you in the daytime, too. It's not always the spiders, either.

You remember that Dick Van Dyke made movie about alcoholism. The spiders - taran-

tulas - were his particular devils. Sometimes, for you, it's the rats. Or the ghosts with their crazy laughter, madly cackling, clawing at you with elongated, bony hands and curling, jagged nails. Their touch is fire and ice. Worse, your own screams begin to blend with their insanity - your hands begin to stretch, you nails to curl....the D.T.'s.

Edgar Allen Poe wrote about what he called the 'hypnagogic state', a state of 'raised consciousness', either drug or booze induced. In this state, the mind functions with staggering ability; a momentary fit of genius. This state is only a shiver away from insanity, a ripple away from the black depths which shroud Usher.

The D.T.'s are on the far side of Poe's hypnagogic state, in the black, bleak, chaotic world of the disordered subconscious. There is no genius there, only fear and insanity.

Poe, of course, wasn't advocating either booze or drugs. He was concerned with brief forays into the dark of the subconscious, and the fears and dangers of the pathways therein - Hansel and Gretel when their bread-crumbs have disappeared. Sanity and fear are attacked in this world, attacked and often destroyed.

Poe's travels in the dark were controlled, despite their

compelling, chilling effects. With the D.T.'s, however, there is no guide; no authorial voice calls over the screams of the lost. The denizens of this world are relentless. Once summoned, they are always there, surfacing in hideous moments of loneliness and darkness. And sometimes, you just cry.

One tradition in literature is that of the freely given soul. You are Satan's if you choose to be - Satan's forever. So it is with the D.T.'s. Once you summon this world, enter it, it is with you always. It is the first skirmish of a forever war - the light of our world versus the dark of that world. And the end, where is the end? Death?

I don't know where the end is, but consider this. Every time we read a tale of the fantastic, or an occult mystery, or wade into the planes of William Burroughs' *Naked Lunch*, we enter that black, chaotic world. It is, after all, a strangely alluring land, sometimes with sudden, unearthly beauty assaulting the senses, vast powers playing at the tips of your fingers. It forever beckons and we forever follow. It is the touch of the tarantula - the furry, soft, velvet tap which calls us all. Even those of the D.T.'s, the shellshocked warriors, screaming their battle-cry in a timeless world.

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by Doug Rose

Curlin' Girls Runners Up

The Cinderella story of the Laurentian varsity women's curling team finally came to a close this weekend but, before their carriage turned into a pumpkin, the Vees had managed to grab first runner-up at the Ontario finals in St. Catharines.

On Friday, the girls upset the number one seeded University of Toronto 6-5 in their opening match and then earned a berth in Saturday's final with an 11-5 thumping of the University of Windsor.

Windsor also advanced to the finals by virtue of a victory over Queen's on Friday night. On Saturday, skip Leslie Dixon's rink had two chances because of the double elimination tournament set up but came up short losing 8-6 in the first game and 9-4 in the final.

Going into the OWIAA championship bonspiel, the girls were in fourth place but managed to jump ahead of Queen's and the University of Toronto in the final standings and finish second. This seemed to be the story of the team's

season as they battled adversity in many forms before reaching St. Catharines.

Since 1972, there had been no women's curling team but due to Dixon, her vice Shelley Lotus, and another avid curler, Al Sidock, the rink was able to get some funds from the Varsity Athletic Budget. The girls then picked up an avid Sudbury curler, Babe Chambers, to coach them through their trials and tribulations.

After snowshoes and city buses carried them to practice at the Idylwyld Curling Club, Dixon, Lotus, second Shelley

Birston, lead Sandra Korry and spare Chris Madill began their season. In a preseason Sudbury women's bonspiel, the girls had much trouble and were eliminated rapidly. In their first university competition, the Vees finished 3rd out of 4 at Trent but demonstrated marked improvement in their play.

Two weeks ago, the girls advanced to the St. Catharines finals with an impressive 3-2 record and a fourth place finish out of nine. Congratulations to the girls and may curling again become a winning tradition at Laurentian University.



Laurentian V's Squeeze Gees

In their final two games of the regular season this weekend, the Laurentian hockey team continued picking up momentum with two victories over the Ottawa Gee Gees in the capital city.

On Friday, the Vees spotted Ottawa three goals before coming back with five goals in 8 minutes in the third period to steal a 5-3 victory. Charlie Hamilton had a pair of goals for Laurentian.

On Saturday, the Vees relaxed in their last season game and brought home a 6-4 victory. Hamilton, Bruce Hubbard, Lou Clements, Fred Taylor, Steve Demarco and Grant McCaig all scored for the Vees while Rick Brown replaced Lou Ohara in the nets, playing an impressive game.

Laurentian, presently ranked 10th in Canadian Intercollegiate hockey, will host York in the

opening game of the OUAA playoffs on Tuesday, February 20 at 8:00 p.m. The game, held at the Sudbury Arena is a

stepping stone for a showdown against the University of Toronto for the Ontario championship.

Gymnastics

The OUAA Gymnastics Championships were held this past weekend in Kingston and two L.U. rookies fared well. Dave Harrison and Dan Pacholkin each finished 26th in their respective events, the Pommel Horse and the Still Rings.

ATTENTION

BADMINTON PLAYERS

Zhang Quang Ming, a Chinese national coach, will be touring Canada over the next three months. He will be stopping in Sudbury for a demonstration. Come out and see him play on Sunday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ben Avery Physical Education Centre.

Men's B-Ball Gasping

The Laurentian men's basketball team ran into two tough teams this past weekend in Toronto and ended up coming up short both times.

On Friday night, the transport truck that hit them was the nation's number one ranked York Yeomen and the Vees came away with an 87-51 loss. Rick Owens led Laurentian with 11 points, no thanks to his Accounting exam the following day.

On Saturday, Mike Heale's troops were within 2 points at half time but forgot to come out of the dressing room after half time. By the time the Vees

realized the second half had begun, they had lost sight of the University of Toronto who eventually won by a 78-53 washout.

For Laurentian, Mike Mulvihill had 14 points while Mark Bennett and Rick Pawlowich each added ten. With three games remaining, Laurentian must improve their play in order to grab a playoff spot. In spurts, the Vees can play with anyone in the league (except for York who are in a league by themselves), but they must play 60 minutes of basketball at a time to be competitive.

Women's B-Ball Tops

Norm Vickery's lady Vees finished off their regular season in typical fashion this weekend, coming up with a convincing 65-44 victory over Western. In exhibition play, the Vees hosted the Ontario Provincial team on Friday night and Sunday and proved that maybe the provincial team needs a little help, dumping the Trilliums 90-57 and 70-50 in successive games.

Against Western, the Sylvia Sweeney Show was back in motion as Big Syl hit for 22 points and 14 rebounds. Agnes Baker added 16 points for Laurentian who took first place in the OWIAA Tier 1 division with an 11-1 record. The Ontario playoffs will be played at Laurentian on February 23 and 24 with Guelph taking on

Waterloo and Laurentian tangling with Ottawa (probably) on Friday night. The winners of these two games play off on Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. in the Ben Avery Gym for the Ontario title.

Against the provincial team, super sub Natalie Vukovich scored 28 points for the Vees on Friday night, while Angie MacDonald added 20 points. On Sunday Sylvia Sweeney picked up another 22 points to lead the Vees.



Ahhh right.



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